

Minutes of the September 8, 2025 Board Meeting

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Korth with members: Huettner, Vering, Herchenbach, Brandl, Schemek, Baumgart, and Preister present. Member Sell was absent.

Open meetings act is posted in the Humphrey Public School library.

The meeting was legally advertised for public notice in the Humphrey Democrat on August 27, 2025.

Visitors present: Patrick Murphy - Humphrey Democrat

During public comment time there were no visitors who wanted to speak.

The minutes from the August 27, 2025 special board meeting were reviewed. The minutes will stand as written.

The September financial report was reviewed by the board.

It was moved by Schemek and seconded by Brandl to approve the September general fund and special building bills and claims as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, ABSENT; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 8 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 1 - ABSENT

Maintenance/Custodial Report – Football field lights, roof leak fixed, quarterly vehicle safety inspections, LED light quote.

Secondary Principal Report – College courses, ASVAB testing, Fall MAP testing, Teacher professional development, Fall activities, Homecoming.

Elementary Principal Report – School improvement, Beginning of the Year, 5th grade band instrument display night, MAP testing, Banking in schools, 4-H extension office.

Superintendent Report – 2024-2025 audit, negotiations meeting for HEA, Columbus Community Hospital Athletic Trainer, HWY 91 career day, NASB state education conference, Bond and Depreciation Fund CD, Special Board meeting for budget approval, JPH meeting, Student admission to home games, discussed updated design that included a community gym design, potential bond timelines.

It was moved by Vering and seconded by Herchenbach to approve the wrestling cooperative with Lindsay Academy for the 2025-2026 & 2026-2027 school years as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, ABSENT; Huettner, YES; Vering, ABSENT; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 8 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 1 – ABSENT

It was moved by Preister and seconded by Baumgart to approve the request from the Humphrey Education Association to be recognized as the exclusive bargaining agent for the non-supervisory certificated staff for negotiating the 2027-2028 master contract as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, ABSENT; Huettner, YES; Vering, ABSENT; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 8 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 1 – ABSENT

It was moved by Baumgart and seconded by Huettner to amend policy #3132 as presented to the Board of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, ABSENT; Huettner, YES; Vering, ABSENT; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 8 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 1 – ABSENT

Joint Public Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2025 @ 6:15pm.

Board set a special board meeting to approve the budget. Meeting will be held on September 29, 2025 @ 8:30pm.

The next regular school board meeting date is Monday, October 13, 2025 @ 9:00pm.

Discussed life insurance policy as part of Superintendent contract.

It was moved by Huettner and seconded by Baumgart to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Sell, ABSENT; Huettner, YES; Vering, YES; Herchenbach, YES; Brandl, YES; Schemek, YES; Baumgart, YES; Preister, YES; Korth, YES.

- Motion Carried
 - 8 – YES
 - 0 – NO
 - 0 – ABSTAIN
 - 1 – ABSENT

Julie Preister, Board Secretary